

## TODAY

Today is Friday, Jan. 8, the eighth day of 2021. There are 357 days left in the year.

On **Jan. 8, 1998**, Ramzi Yousef the mastermind of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, was sentenced in New York to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

In **1815**, the last major engagement of the War of 1812 came to an end as U.S. forces defeated the British in the Battle of New Orleans, not having gotten word of the signing of a peace treaty.

In **1918**, President Woodrow Wilson outlined his Fourteen Points for lasting peace after World War I. Mississippi became the first state to ratify the 18th Amendment to the Constitution, which established Prohibition.

In **1935**, rock-and-roll legend Elvis Presley was born in Tupelo, Mississippi.

In **1964**, President Lyndon B. Johnson, in his State of the Union address, declared an "unconditional war on poverty in America."

In **1968**, the Otis Redding single "(Sittin' On) The Dock of the Bay" was released on the Volt label almost a month after the singer's death in a plane crash.

In **1973**, the Paris peace talks between the United States and North Vietnam resumed.

In **1982**, American Telephone and Telegraph settled the Justice Department's antitrust lawsuit against it by agreeing to divest itself of the 22 Bell System companies.

In **1994**, Tonya Harding won the ladies' U.S. Figure Skating Championship in Detroit, a day after Nancy Kerrigan dropped out because of the clubbing attack that had injured her right knee.

In **1997**, the state of Arkansas put three men to death in the second triple execution since capital punishment was reinstated in 1976.

In **2004**, a U.S. Black Hawk medivac helicopter crashed near Fallujah, Iraq, killing all nine soldiers aboard.

In **2006**, the first funerals were held in West Virginia for the 12 miners who'd died in the Sago Mine disaster six days earlier.

**Ten years ago:** U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., was shot and critically wounded when a gunman opened fire as the congresswoman met with constituents in Tucson; six people were killed, 12 others also injured.

**Five years ago:** Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman, the world's most-wanted drug lord, was captured for a third time in a daring raid by Mexican marines, six months after walking through a tunnel to freedom from a maximum security prison in a made-for-Hollywood escape that deeply embarrassed the government and strained ties with the United States.

**One year ago:** Iran struck back at the United States for killing Iran's top military commander, firing missiles at two Iraqi military bases housing American troops; more than 100 U.S. service members were diagnosed with traumatic brain injuries after the attack. As Iran braced for a counterattack, the country's Revolutionary Guard shot down a Ukrainian jetliner after apparently mistaking it for a missile; all 176 people on board were killed, including 82 Iranians and more than 50 Canadians. South Korea said it had put a Chinese woman under isolated treatment amid concerns that she had brought back the virus that had sickened dozens in mainland China and Hong Kong.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actor-comedian Larry Storch is 98. Former CBS newsman Charles Osgood is 88. Singer Shirley Bassey is 84. Game show host Bob Eubanks is 83. Country-gospel singer Cristy Lane is 81. Rhythm-and-blues singer Anthony Gourdine (Little Anthony and the Imperials) is 80. Actor Yvette Mimieux is 79. Singer Juanita Cowart Motley (The Marvelettes) is 77. Actor Kathleen Noone is 76. Rock musician Robby Krieger (The Doors) is 75. Movie director John McTiernan is 70. Actor Harriet Sansom Harris is 66. Actor Ron Cephas Jones is 64. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos is 63. Singer-songwriter Ron Sexsmith is 57. Actor Michelle Forbes is 56. Actor Maria Pitillo is 55. Singer R. Kelly is 54. Rock musician Jeff Abercrombie (Fuel) is 52. Actor Ami Dolenz is 52. Reggae singer Sean Paul is 48. Actor Donnell Turner is 48. Country singer Tift Merritt is 46. Actor-rock singer Jenny Lewis is 45. Actor Amber Benson is 44. Actor Scott Whyte is 43. Singer-songwriter Erin McCauley is 42. Actor Sarah Polley is 42. Actor Rachel Nichols is 41. Actor Gaby Hoffman is 39. Rock musician Disashi Lumumbo-Kasongo (Gym Class Heroes) is 38. Actor Cynthia Erivo is 34. Actor Freddie Stroma is 34.

—Associated Press

## Siege

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But the rampage that left four dead and a country on edge is forcing a broader reckoning of all that has happened over Trump's tenure in office and what comes next for a tattered and torn nation.

One Republican lawmaker publicly called for invoking the 25th Amendment, joining Democrats in an effort to force Trump from office before Biden is inaugurated on Jan. 20. Others said there must be a review of the U.S. Capitol Police's failure to stop the breach by the protesters.

The Senate's top Democrat, Chuck Schumer of New York, said Trump must be removed from office and not stay president "one day" longer. He called the attack on the Capitol "an insurrection against the United States, incited by the president."

With tensions high, the Capitol shuttered and lawmakers not scheduled to return until the inauguration, an uneasy feeling of stalemate settled over a main seat of national power as Trump remained holed up at the White House.

The social media giant Facebook banned the president from its platform and Instagram for the duration of Trump's final days in office, if not indefinitely, citing his intent to stoke unrest. Twitter had silenced him the day before.

The head of the U.S. Capitol Police defended his department's response to the storming of the Capitol, saying that officers had "acted valiantly when faced with thousands of individuals involved in violent riotous actions."



Andrew Harnik/AP

**Rep. Andy Kim, D-N.J., cleans up debris and personal belongings strewn across the floor of the Rotunda in the early morning hours of Thursday, after protesters stormed the Capitol in Washington.**

Washington Mayor Muriel Bowser quickly called the police response "a failure."

"Obviously it was a failure or you would not have had people enter the Capitol by breaking windows and terrorizing the members of Congress who were doing a very sacred requirement of their jobs," Bowser said.

Black lawmakers, in particular, noted the way the mostly white Trump supporters were treated as they laid siege to the Capitol.

Urged on by Trump during a rally near the White House earlier in the day Wednesday to head to Capitol Hill, protesters swiftly broke through police barriers, smashed windows and paraded through the halls, sending lawmakers into hiding.

The protesters ransacked the place, taking over the House and Senate chambers and waving Trump, American and Confederate flags. Outside, they scaled the walls and balconies in their breach of the building.

One protester, a white

woman, was shot to death by Capitol Police, and there were dozens of arrests.

Before dawn Thursday, Congress confirmed Biden as the presidential election winner, lawmakers resolved to return from shelter with a display of the country, and the world, of the nation's enduring commitment to uphold the will of the voters and the peaceful transfer of power.

Vice President Mike Pence, presiding over the joint session, announced the tally for Biden, 306-232.

Several lawmakers suggested that Trump be prosecuted for a crime, impeached for a second time or even removed under the Constitution's 25th Amendment, which seemed unlikely two weeks from when his term expires.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Trump should immediately be removed from office or Congress may proceed to impeach him.

She said at the Capitol: "The president of the United States incited an armed insurrection against America," she said

## Congress

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Trump addressed tens of thousands of supporters just prior to the vote and the crowd pushed up Pennsylvania Avenue. Some in the crowd pushed up Capitol Hill, fighting police along the way, then smashing through the doors of the Capitol's central chambers. National Guard and an FBI tactical squad arrived to bolster defenses and push the invaders out using a plume of tear gas in Statuary Hall, home to images of great Americans of the past.

Leaders discussed calling off the session, but opted to continue to get their job done and as a symbol of the continuity of American government.

Some but not all of those challenging the Electoral College votes announced they were dropping the effort after the rash of violence.

Objections to the vote totals in Arizona and Pennsylvania, a smattering of the states originally targeted, went to debates and votes in the chambers.

Among Oregon's nearly all-Democratic delegation, the Electoral College votes were supported by both Sen. Ron Wyden and Sen. Jeff Merkley. Four of the five Oregon Democratic House members — Su-

zanne Bonamici, D-Beaverton; Earl Blumenauer, D-Portland; Peter DeFazio, D-Springfield; and Kurt Schrader, D-Salem — supported the slates brought to the Capitol in thick mahogany boxes.

Oregon's wild card on the day was Rep. Cliff Bentz, R-Ontario, the only Republican in the state's delegation to Congress, and a freshman who had only been sworn into office the previous Sunday.

Bentz had been among a group of incoming lawmakers who issued a statement last month calling for "a congressional investigation and review into what has happened in states where election irregularities have been observed."

Over the next six weeks, Bentz said he talked to constituents in the 2nd Congressional District, which takes up most of Eastern and Central Oregon.

"I had heard many speak of distrust in the elections that were facilitated by several states," Bentz wrote. "That is why I wrote to Speaker Nancy Pelosi last month, urging for a prompt and thorough congressional investigation into voting irregularities during the 2020 presidential election. So far, my request has fallen on deaf ears."

In the end, Bentz split his votes, opposing the objection

to the 11 Electoral College votes for Biden sent by Arizona. But several hours later, Bentz was on the side of those Republicans objecting to the 20 Electoral College votes from Pennsylvania.

In a press release issued just before 4 a.m. in Washington, Bentz said the issues in each case were different, but his constituents believed the election was tainted by unspecified fraud.

"My goal was to protect the integrity of our elections and to prompt all states to uphold election laws as determined by their state legislatures — all in accordance with our Constitution," Bentz said.

Rep. Conor Lamb, D-Penn., dismissed the stalling with objections and repeated recitations of legal arguments rejected over 50 times by various courts as dangerous "lies" that were getting people killed.

"These objections don't deserve an ounce of respect, not an ounce," Lamb said. "A woman died out there tonight, and you're making these objections. Let's be clear about what happened in this chamber today — invaders came in for the first time since the War of 1812. They desecrated these halls, in this chamber, and practically every inch of

## Trump concedes

With 13 days left in his term, President Donald Trump finally bent to reality on Thursday amid growing talk of trying to force him out early, acknowledging he'll peacefully leave after Congress affirmed his defeat.

Trump led off a video from the White House by condemning the violence carried out in his name a day earlier at the Capitol. Then, for the first time, he admitted that his presidency would soon end — though he declined to mention President-elect Joe Biden by name or explicitly state that he had lost.

"A new administration will be inaugurated on Jan. 20," Trump said in the video. "My focus now turns to ensuring a smooth, orderly and seamless transition of power. This moment calls for healing and reconciliation."

The address, which appeared designed to stave off talk of a forced early eviction, came at the end of a day when the cornered president stayed out of sight in the White House. Silenced on some of his favorite internet lines of communication, he watched the resignations of several top aides, including a Cabinet secretary.

## Two officials resign

A U.S. Senate official and the head of the U.S. Capitol Police both quit Thursday in the wake of the siege at the Capitol.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said he has accepted the resignation of Senate Sergeant-at-Arms Michael Stenger.

Thursday, Pelosi said he could do further harm to the country: "Any day can be a horror show for America."

But it was not just Democrats.

Republican Rep. Adam Kinzinger of Illinois, publicly called on Trump's Cabinet to invoke the 25th Amendment and remove the president from office.

"The president caused this," Kinzinger said in a video posted to Twitter. "The president is unwell!"

The 25th Amendment allows for the vice president and a majority of the Cabinet to declare the president unfit for office. The vice president then becomes acting president.

The Republicans who led the effort to challenge the Electoral College tally for Biden exposed

the extent of the divisions within the party, and the nation, after four years of Trump's presidency.

Those two GOP senators, Ted Cruz of Texas and Josh Hawley of Missouri, faced angry peers in the Senate.

But in the House, Republican leaders Rep. Kevin McCarthy of California and Rep. Steve Scalise of Louisiana, joined in the effort to overturn Biden's win by objecting to the Electoral College results.

Despite Trump's repeated claims of voter fraud, election officials and his own former attorney general have said there were no problems on a scale that would change the outcome. All the states have certified their results as fair and accurate, by Republican and Democratic officials alike.

ground where we work?"

Earlier in the debates, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell chastised any of those considering an objection as setting in motion a dangerous path for democracy.

"We'll either hasten down a poisonous path where only the winners of an election actually accept the results, or show we can still muster the patriotic courage that our forebears showed, not only in victory, but in defeat," he said. "If this election were overturned by mere allegations from the losing side, our democracy would enter a death spiral," McConnell said.

Democrats easily repulsed the objections when they finally came up for a vote. McConnell and several other se-

nior Republicans, especially in the Senate, joined in upholding the Electoral College tallies.

It was during the Arizona debate earlier on Wednesday that tens of thousands of pro-Trump demonstrators, fresh from a rallying speech by the president, streamed up Pennsylvania Avenue where more militant activists in the group stormed the Capitol, attacking police and crashing their way into the heart of the building.

Demonstrators broke up and carted off furniture from leadership offices, set small fires and left behind at least two explosive devices. A billowing cloud of tear gas was needed to push the stragglers out of the Statuary Hall.

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